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Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau				
FROM:		EXTENSION	NO.	
Chief, Operations Group			DATE March 1988	
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1. AC/Ops	19	APR 1988		<div style="text-align: right;">STAT</div>
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3. C/E&PS	20	Apr		
4. DD/ERTS				
5. D/FBIS				
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7. PO/RA	4/20			
8. SA/CD	4/20			
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10. C/AS				
11. C/B&F/AS				
12. DD/FBIS	28	Apr		
13.				
14. C/AG				
15. Exec. Reg.				

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5 April 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- March 1988

I. GENERAL

Well into their 4th month, the disturbances in the territories have prompted increasing economic pressures on Palestinian Arabs, typified by an Israeli embargo of gas deliveries. The Palestinian response has taken many forms, including heavy pressure from activists on government-employed Arabs to leave their posts. Policemen have made up the bulk of those who have yielded to the pressure. In an effort to contain unrest during the Palestinians' observance of "Land Day," Israeli authorities tightened security in the territories, including a complete closure of the Gaza Strip, the first time such an extreme step has been taken since 1967.

With the exception of increased wordage, the highest publishable volume since May of 1984, and some overtime, the events in the territories have not yet affected bureau operations. Travel by embassy staff and dependents has been restricted, however, to pre-1967 Israel and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future. This restriction precludes any visits to East Jerusalem, including the Old City, and Bethlehem.

As for the peace process, Prime Minister Shamir visited Washington in March but returned after, according to most reports, accomplishing little more than restating his objection to the U.S. version of an international conference. Secretary Shultz returned to the Middle East on 3 April in the hope of keeping the U.S. initiative alive.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. During March the bureau completed a sampling of the Palestinian Press Service. Mostly because it is subject to military censorship, the service was found to be unproductive, so the bureau recommended that it not be placed on permanent coverage.

2. On the 7th three terrorists who had infiltrated across the Egyptian border hijacked a bus near the Israeli nuclear facility at Dimona. When the terrorists began shooting their hostages one at a time, an antiterrorist squad stormed the bus. The three terrorists were killed, but not before three civilian workers from the nuclear facility had been shot. The death of the civilians elicited some criticism of how the incident was handled by security forces.

3. Following a report that the PRC had supplied intermediate range missiles to Saudi Arabia, Shamir aide Ben-Aharon hinted in the United States that Israel might consider a preemptive strike against the missiles. Ben-Aharon's remarks caused a flurry of critical remarks from many countries and even from within his own party. He later claimed that he made no direct threat, noting that the United States is dealing with the issue. A message from LRB emphasized the need to file liberally on the topic.

4. Signs of improved relations between Turkey and Greece appeared in March in a joint communique issued in Brussels after a meeting between the Greek and Turkish prime ministers. Among the many positive developments outlined by the communique was a plan for Turkish Prime Minister Ozal to visit Athens in June. Other signs of rapprochement were seen during the month in Ozal's announcement that Greece would not oppose Turkish membership in the EEC and in the unprecedented move of Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz hosting the departing Greek ambassador to Ankara. Apparently inspired by the spirit of the Brussels meeting, Rauf Denktas, president of the "Turkish Republic of North Cyprus," offered a package of "goodwill proposals" to newly elected Greek Cypriot leader Vasiliou. Vasiliou rejected the proposals, citing many long-standing issues.

B. Communications

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C. Lateral Services

At the request of Jordan Bureau, Tel Aviv is preparing a list of West Bank mayors. The list will be sent to headquarters and all interested bureaus both in hardcopy and on a floppy disk.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In her capacity as a member of the American Embassy Women's Group Outreach Committee, [redacted], wife of Senior Editor [redacted] served as one of the coordinators of the AEWG's 1988 "Games Day." This special event is one of the major charity benefits on the diplomatic community's social calendar. Susan has also traveled to various local social service facilities to determine how best to use the group's funds. Her very active participation in the AEWG is rounded out by her membership on the preschool school board.

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Acting Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

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cc: JN, NC

Attachments: Production Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for MARCH 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	342350
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	59090
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1154

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7783.00	840.00	58.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	8510
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0
(Clandestine) Flag of Freedom Radio in Persian	770
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	1130
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	0
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

ISRAEL			
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	95650		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	16900		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	29990		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1470		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	41010		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic		6480	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			6730
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			2420
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			3000
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			180
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			15190
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			7020
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			8900
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			16400
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			4860
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			430
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			8710
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			10700
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	29760		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		3880	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		20770	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in
Hebrew

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Turkish to Turkey	0		
Moscow in			
Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in			
Persian to Iran	0		
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

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ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 342,350 (308,050)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 59,090 (62,070)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 12,949 (12,762)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 22,160 ON 7th March 1988.
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 6,310 ON 19th March 1988.
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12.30 HOURS, 2.3 PERCENT
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12.30 HOURS, 2.3 PERCENT
OUTAGES: STAT
3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 3,390

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.